(c) if not, the steps taken to check the recent spurt in Rail accidents, especially in SC Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Railway accords highest priority to Safety in Train Operations. Safety in train operations is an ongoing and continuous process. The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a Retd. Judge of Supreme Court has submitted Part-I of their Report. Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In Part-I, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) It is proposed to take action on those recommendations, which will be accepted by the Government. The provision of safety system and equipment are provided progressively depending upon the availability of funds.

(c) On South Central Railway the consequential train accidents have reduced to 38 during April 1999-January 2000, from the level of 43 during the same period of the preceding year.

Development of Tirupati Railway Station

255. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tirupati Railway Station is to be developed for the benefit of tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Adequate amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled have already been provided at Tirupati railway station. Certain amenities such as self printing ticketing

machines, provision of washable aprons, improved signages, extension to platforms and improvement to retiring rooms etc. were provided recently. In addition, with a view to augment the amenities, provision of stalls, extension of cover over platforms and provision of additional toilets have also been taken up.

(c) Rs. 130.00 lakh.

Rail Accidents

256. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of those caused due to human failure and due to failure of devices;

(c) the amount of compensation paid;

(d) the number of settlement cases pending; and

(e) the steps taken for their speedy settlement?

THE . MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Number of rail accidents occurred in past three years alongwith the reasons thereof:—

Year	No. of Accidents	Accidents due to	
		Human Failure	Failure of Devices/ Equipments
1996-97	381	317	37
1997-98	396	329	38
1998-99	397	331	33

(c) An amount of Rs. 1419.23 lakhs has been paid to the